

MANAGEMENT MEMO

SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF CALIFORNIA MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULES (CMAS), MASTER AGREEMENTS, AND NON-COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACTS	NUMBER: MM 02-19
	DATE ISSUED: AUGUST 20, 2002
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REFERENCES: PCC 10295, PCC 12100, et seq. SUPERSEDES MM 02-12 AND ADDENDA	ISSUING AGENCY: DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

It is the intent of the Department of General Services to ensure that competitive bidding processes are employed to the maximum extent required by law. The purpose of this Management Memo is to provide guidelines for the acquisition of goods and services obtained through the use of CMAS, Master Agreements, and Non-Competitively Bid acquisition methods.

Separate standards and processes are required for contracts \$250,000 or less and those greater than \$250,000. These are delineated in Attachments A, and B, attached. *Attachment A* provides guidelines for purchases from CMAS and Master Agreements, distinguishing between information technology (IT) purchases and non-information technology (non-IT) purchases, and further categorized by dollar threshold. *Attachment B* provides guidelines for Non-Competitively Bid (NCB) contracts, again distinguishing between IT and non-IT purchases and categorized by dollar threshold. *Attachments C and D* identify and provide further procedures for contracts exempt from competitive bidding by statute (Attachment C) or by policy (Attachment D), subject to specific conditions, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) master service agreement, and the California Integrated Information Network (CIIN) contract. Attachment D also provides direction on how to amend a contract that has previously been competitively bid.

1. Each department/commission/board shall maintain a Procurement Liaison as a single point of contact. The Procurement Liaison will be responsible for the distribution of DGS procurement directives to appropriate staff, and for ensuring that procurement policy, procedure and guidelines are followed. The name, telephone number and e-mail address of such person shall be transmitted to the Department of General Services (DGS) Procurement Division (custserv@dgs.ca.gov) by September 1, 2002. Any follow-up instructions regarding procurement guidelines will be disseminated through the designated Procurement Liaison and through the DGS Procurement Division website. (See #13 below)
2. Failure to comply with the procedures and guidelines provided in this Management Memo will result in the loss of purchasing authority or contract review exemptions.
3. Contracts should not be executed, and/or work should not be commenced until all of the approvals required by this Management Memo and Attachments have been obtained.
4. Contracts for architectural and engineering services, which are based on a statutorily required competitive selection process, are exempt from this Management Memo.
5. Effective immediately, the delegated approval limit for Non-IT service contracts is increased from \$35,000.00 to \$50,000.00.

6. Master agreements using a Pre-qualified list of suppliers: Competition must be achieved when awarding contracts to a pre-qualified list of suppliers. To ensure that competition is achieved to the fullest extent possible, pre-qualified bidders on the master agreement must have an opportunity to compete. A ceiling on information technology master agreements has been placed at \$500,000. However, departments may request an exemption to this ceiling. The ordering department must have prior approval of DGS for an exemption to the \$500,000 limit, and the exemption request must address how the department intends to ensure effective competition to the fullest extent possible.
7. Master agreements based on competition: Information on how to purchase from master agreements based on competition, such as the CAL-Store, the Master Rental Agreement, Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA), etc., will be published on the Procurement Division website in the ordering instructions for the applicable contract. (See #13 below)
8. Although all Constitutional Officers, the University of California, the California State University, the Lottery Commission, the Public Employees' Retirement System, the State Teachers' Retirement System, the State Compensation Insurance Fund, and other independent state entities are exempt from this Management Memo, they are encouraged to take all necessary actions to comply with the intent of the Memo. Contracts by local government entities are exempt from the Management Memo, but remain subject to their own laws or procedures.
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 - a. Application of these guidelines to amendments of existing *non-competitively bid* contracts will be based on the cumulative dollar value after including the amendment. (e.g., a \$200,000 base contract plus a \$60,000 amendment would be considered a \$260,000 contract.)
 - b. These guidelines shall apply to a previously *competitively bid contract* when the awarded contract is to be amended to increase the monetary value of the contract and such increase was not considered during the original evaluation process. Application of the guidelines to such amendments shall be based on the cumulative value after including the amendment, (e.g., a \$200,000 competitively bid/ awarded contract plus a \$60,000 amendment shall be considered a \$260,000 contract, and shall be subject to the guidelines accordingly).
10. Purchases and contracts not addressed by this Management Memo will be subject to the Department of General Services' oversight and must be processed in accordance with existing statutory requirements as well as applicable Procurement Division Delegation requirements and/or the State Contracting Manual.
11. Order of precedence: In applying these Management Memo guidelines, the precedence shall be applied in the following order:
 - a. Management Memo 02-19
 - b. Procurement Division Delegation for information technology and commodities.
 - c. State Contracting Manual (Non-IT services).

Copies of these documents are available on the Procurement Division website. (See #13 below)
12. The guidelines provided in this Management Memo are subject to future revision as determined by DGS with the approval of the Department of Finance.

13. Additional information regarding this Management Memo will be published on the Procurement Division website (www.dgs.ca.gov/pd) as it becomes available. Of particular interest will be the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) section, which will address common inquiries regarding the application of the procurement guidelines addressed herein.

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